

I am opposed to Kenwood's petition to allow auxiliary station operation within the 144.5-145.8 and 146.0-148.0 MHz spectrum. Adequate spectrum continues to be available in the 222 MHz and 1.2 GHz bands to operation of their "Sky Command" HF remote base system, however, operation in those bands would have most likely resulted in increased prices for that equipment, discouraging amateurs from purchasing it.

Even in suburban areas, there is extensive use of simplex frequencies in the 144 MHz band and the potential for unintentional interference is high. Operation of an HF remote base would be better suited for the higher frequencies as broad-area coverage on VHF/UHF is not necessary, and as I stated earlier, such spectrum is readily available on 1.2 GHz, as are handheld and mobile radios that will function on both bands.

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